

# PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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### PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS—REMOVAL OF APPOINTED OFFICERS

S. J. R. No. 8

Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the governor to remove appointed officers with the advice and consent of the senate; and allowing the governor to call a special session of the senate for this purpose.

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

Section 1. That Article XV of the Texas Constitution be amended by adding Section 9 to read as follows:

"Sec. 9. (a) In addition to the other procedures provided by law for removal of public officers, the governor who appoints an officer may remove the officer with the advice and consent of two-thirds of the members of the senate present.

"(b) If the legislature is not in session when the governor desires to remove an officer, the governor shall call a special session of the senate for consideration of the proposed removal. The session may not exceed two days in duration."

Sec. 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held on November 4, 1980. The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the governor to remove appointed officers with the advice and consent of the senate."

Adopted by the Senate on May 14, 1979: Yeas 24, Nays 1; adopted by the House on May 24, 1979: Yeas 123, Nays 16, two present not voting.

Filed without signature.

Filed with the Secretary of State, May 28, 1979.

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### PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS—FARM AND RANCH REAL ESTATE—GUARANTEE OF LOANS

S. J. R. No. 13

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the guarantee of loans used to purchase farm and ranch real estate for qualified borrowers.

Section 1. That Article III of the Texas Constitution be amended by adding Section 50c to read as follows:

"Sec. 50c. (a) The legislature may provide that the commissioner of agriculture shall have the authority to provide for, issue, and sell general obligation bonds of the State of Texas in an amount not to exceed \$10